## **BEFORE**

## THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2008-192-WS - ORDER NO. 2008-392

MAY 19, 2008

IN RE:	Petition of the Office of Regulatory Staff for a Declaratory Order Against Seahorse Investment and/or Britt Gaston Requiring Certification as a Water and Sewer Utility and the Posting of a Performance Bond	) ) ) ) )	ORDER AMENDING RESPONDENT NAME, RATIFYING EMERGENCY ORDER, AND ESTABLISHING RULE TO SHOW CAUSE
		)	RULE TO SHOW CAUSE
		)	PROCEEDING

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("the Commission") for the consideration of ratification of an Emergency Order issued pursuant to 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-859 (Supp. 2007) by Commissioner Howard. By Order No. 2008-349 issued May 12, 2008, Commissioner Howard ordered Seahorse Investment and/or Brett Gaston ("Seahorse," "Gaston," or "Respondent") to reconnect those customers whose service was previously disconnected or discontinued and maintain service until further Order of the Commission. Additionally, Commissioner Howard restrained and/or enjoined Respondent from further disconnecting service to customers and ordered Respondent to maintain the status quo until the full Commission could consider the matter. Additionally, the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") asks for the establishment of a Rule to Show Cause proceeding in this matter so as to determine why Respondent should not be under the jurisdiction of this Commission.

Subsequent to the issuance of Order No 2008-349, it was discovered that the name of the individual respondent was "Britt," rather than "Brett." ORS requests that we

amend the Emergency Order, Order No. 2008-349, to reflect this change in name. The request is granted, and all documents shall be amended to reflect the name "Britt."

We have examined the circumstances of this case, and agree with Commissioner Howard that questions appear to exist regarding the disruption of service to Dale Valley Mobile Home Park customers, potentially in violation of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. We therefore ratify Commissioner Howard's May12, 2008 Order, as amended herein, and hold that Respondent shall continue to be ordered to reconnect service to those customers whose service was discontinued or disconnected and maintain service to those customers until further Order of this Commission. Additionally, Respondent shall continue to be restrained and/or enjoined from further disconnecting service to the Dale Valley Mobile Home Park customers until such time as this Commission issues a subsequent Order. With respect to the petition for a Rule to Show Cause, this Commission orders the Chief Clerk to serve the ORS petition and this Order on the Respondents as required by 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-830(B) (1) (Supp. 2007). Respondents shall have thirty (30) days from receipt of the petition and order to respond in writing with service on both the Commission and the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") as allowed by 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-830(B) (2) (Supp. 2007) and 103-826 (Supp. 2007).

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:

C. Robert Moseley, Vice Chairman

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